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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA - SPEARATE SCHEDULE FOR UNDER
SECRETARY CASEY

REF: STATE 86616, CARACAS 3893

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO AMPLIFY WHAT WE HAVE
SUBMITTED PREVIOUSLY WITH RESPECT TO SEPARATE SCHEDULE
FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY.
2. EMBASSY DESIGNATING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR
NORRED AS ESCORT OFFICER FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AND
PROPOSED THAT NORRED PLUS ECONOMIC OFFICER BITTNER
(ACTING AS RAPPORTEUR) ATTEND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION
WITH SELECTED VENEZUELAN MINISTERS.
3. AS NOW CONTEMPLATED, UNDER SECRETARY CASEY WOULD
ACCOMPANY SECRETARY ROGERS TO 10 AM WREATH- LAYING AT
NATIONAL PANTHEON, GO WITH HIM FROM THERE TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY, BUT UPON ARRIVAL THERE DETACH SELF FROM
SECRETARY' S PARTY AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO CONFERENCE
ROOM FOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH SELECTED MINISTERS
AND OTHER VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS MORE OR LESS CORRESPONDING
TO THOSE SUGGESTED IN CARACAS 3893. AT 10:30 AM, FONMIN
AND SECRETARY WOULD VISIT CONFERENCE ROOM OFFICIALLY TO
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INAUGURATE GROUP DISCUSSION. AFTER BRIEF REMAKRS,
FONMIN AND SECRETARY WOULD RETIRE TO FONMIN' S OFFICE,
LEAVING UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, AND OTHER DESIRED MEMEBERS
OF WASHINGTON PARTY, NORRED AND BITTNER, FOR DISCUSSION
WITH VENEZUELAN GROUP, LASTING FROM 10:30 AM UNTIL JUST
BEFORE 1 PM LUNCHEON. FROM 1 PM TO APPROXIMATELY 3:30 PM
UNDER SECRETARY CASEY WOULD ATTEND FONMIN' S LUNCHEON IN DAY)
A TOTAL OF FIVE P&P MEETINGS REMAIN FY 1973. THUS THE \$7.3
MILLION ESTIMATED PER 1- E ABOVE SHOULD SUFFICE TO COVER
ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS THROUGH 30 JUNE 1973, WITH ONE
EXCEPTION: NICSMA' S REQUEST FOR APPROXIMATELY IAU 5.8
MILLION FOR THE PILOT SECURE VOICE PROJECT, DISCUSSED IN
REFS C AND D.

3. ALTHOUGH PARA 10 OF REF D STATES THAT QUOTE " APPROVAL
OF THIS FUND REQUEST IS REQUIRED BY 14 JUNE 1973 IN ORDER TO
FULFILL THE PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE" END QUOTE,
CLEARLY THERE WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PERMIT
US AGREEMENT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF FY 74
CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY (AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDS)
REFERRED TO IN PARA 2, REF A.
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